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Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov] Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:43 AM From:

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Subject: FW: Public input for th e345 kV transmission Line

From: Doug and Kathy [mailto:bloemke@hbci.com] Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2009 10:53 PM To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC

Cc: Doug and Kathy

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Stephanie Strength.

I assumed that there would be a form to fill out on line, but if this e-mail is O.K. then great.

I-113-002

I attend the information meeting at Centerville to become familiar with the route of the transmission line, as I was aware that a proposed corridor was down our valley. My concern is for the aesthetics of the valley, the aesthetics of the neighborhood and the noise from the power line. Pleasant Valley is exactly that, a very picturesque valley with a trout stream, springs, bluffs, and mature trees. It is a very quiet and peaceful place to live.

My wife and I bought our home 25 years ago because of the beauty of the valley and we knew that

when we needed to leave here, the property would have good value. The power line would negatively affect our valley; the power line would be unsightly, noisy and affect our property values.

Even the power lines now within the neighborhood are buried to preserve the aesthetics

I-113-001

I-113-003

Thank-you for providing this forum to express our concerns.

I-113-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

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Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.